



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

Bill #	SB0322	Title:	Revise vehicular assault and homicide laws
Primary Sponsor:	Brueggeman, John	Status:	As Introduced

- ☐ Significant Local Gov Impact
 ☐ Needs to be included in HB 2
 ☐ Technical Concerns
- ☐ Included in the Executive Budget
 ☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts
 ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	<u>unknown</u>	<u>unknown</u>	<u>unknown</u>	<u>unknown</u>

Description of Fiscal Impact:

This bill would increase the penalty for failing to stop at an accident involving death or personal injury from up to 1 year to up to 10 years. There is not enough historical data to estimate the fiscal impact of this bill.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Corrections

1. Defendants who are convicted of a violation of 61-7-103, MCA, could be sentenced to the Department of Corrections for a maximum of 10 years. Since judges have the authority to defer or suspend the sentence, it is difficult to determine what the increase to the department would be.
2. From 1995 to 2007 the department had one male defendant convicted of vehicular assault or homicide. It is unknown how many convictions will occur under the revised law
3. General fund cost for the incarceration of a male inmate is approximately \$27,696 per year and the cost of incarceration of a female inmate is approximately \$29,178 per year. Cost would be slightly lower if convicted felons were placed on Intensive Supervision at approximately \$2,789 per year and probation would be approximately \$1,464 per year.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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